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: NOTIFICATION RE :  
: PRIOR ART CITATION  
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The prior art citation filed August 15, 2005, is an improper citation under 37 CFR 1.501(a). Under the statute, it is required that the person who submits the documents includes the applicability of the prior art to the patent claims. The MPEP § 2205 states:

An explanation is required of how the person submitting the prior art considers it to be pertinent and applicable to the patent, as well as an explanation of why it is believed that the prior art has a bearing on the patentability of any claim of the patent.

Please note 37 CFR 1.501 (a) and MPEP § 2205. If a proper submission is received, the citation will be processed for placement in the patent file of patent # 6,792,659 at that time.

The patent owner and sender of the citation are being provided with a copy of this notification. If appropriate, the patent owner may wish to consider submitting prior art from the prior art citation pursuant to 37 CFR 1.501.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Colleen P. Cooke, Special Program Examiner, at (571) 272-1170.

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